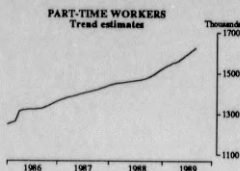


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Strong growth in part-time employment

Labour force figures for September confirmed a strong growth in part-time employment and continuing high demand for part-time jobs.

The increase in part-time employment, coupled with a rise in unemployment, produced a labour force participation rate of 63.5 per cent — the highest ever recorded in the Labour Force Survey.

Part-time employment in September increased by 25,800 over the August 1989 figure in seasonally adjusted terms. This followed a 31,600 increase in August, and a 21,300 increase in July.

These significant rises in part-time employment represent 87 per cent of the growth in total employment over the same three month period.

Unemployment rose in September by 13,100 (after seasonal adjustment) to 505,400. All States except South Australia recorded rises. The unemployment rate was 6.1 per cent, 0.2 percentage points higher than in August.

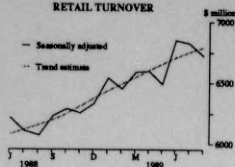
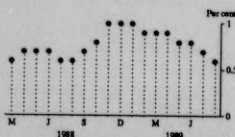
The number of unemployed people looking for part-time work reached 114,000 in September — the highest monthly figure, in seasonally adjusted terms, since February this year. However an increase of 10,000 in the number looking for full-time work was the main component of the September rise in unemployment.

Female participation in the labour force continues at a record high level; it stood at 51.7 per cent in September, having been at least 50.0 per cent throughout 1989. The male participation rate remained steady at 75.6 per cent.

LABOUR FORCE ESTIMATES
Seasonally adjusted

	Employed			Un- employed	Unemploy- ment rate - per cent -	Particip- ation rate - per cent -
	Full-time Workers	Part-time Workers	Total			
	- 000 -					
1989—						
June	6,160.1	1,563.1	7,723.2	489.3	6.0	63.0
July	6,164.6	1,584.4	7,749.0	506.5	6.1	63.2
August	6,184.0	1,616.0	7,800.0	492.3	5.9	63.4
September	6,172.0	1,641.8	7,813.8	505.4	6.1	63.5

RETAIL TURNOVER

MONTHLY CHANGE IN RETAIL TURNOVER
Trend series

Retail activity — is growth easing?

Australian retail turnover grew by \$115 million — or 1.8 per cent — to \$6,559 million in August.

When seasonally adjusted, however, the August estimate of \$6,724 million represents a drop of 1.5 per cent on July. This follows a fall of 0.4 per cent between June and July.

The ABS retail figures do not include motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc., but readers may note from 'The latest ...' (see back page) that new motor vehicle registrations also fell, by 1.8 per cent in seasonally adjusted terms, in August.

The trend series shows growth in the retail sector averaging a moderate 0.7 per cent per month over the 3 months to August, compared with an average 0.9 per cent over the first five months of 1989. (The trend series removes seasonal and trading day effects and involves applying a smoothing technique to the seasonally adjusted series.)

Unless the seasonally adjusted turnover figure for September shows an unusually high rise of more than three per cent, the growth in the trend series will decline further.

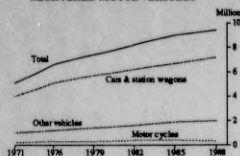
The table below shows how some possible results for September would affect the revision of the trend estimates following that month's trading.

MONTHLY CHANGE IN TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS
Percentage change in trend series

	Current trend estimates (i.e. incorporating August data)	Trend estimates if September movement in seasonally adjusted series is:		
		- 1.0%	+ 1.0%	+ 3.0%
1989—				
June	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.9
July	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.9
August	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.8
September	—	0.0	0.3	0.6

For further information, order the publication Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0) or contact Maurie Low on (062) 52 7442

REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES



Motor vehicle numbers keep pace with population

At 30 September 1988 there were over 9.4 million registered motor vehicles in Australia.

This was an increase of 5.1 per cent, or nearly half a million vehicles, since the previous ABS census of motor vehicles in 1985.

However the number of registered vehicles per thousand of population, at 567, remained unchanged from 1985, and the percentage change in total numbers was easily the lowest since the triennial census was introduced in 1976.

The average age of all vehicles in September 1988 was 8.8 years, with almost 65 per cent being 6 or more years old. For cars and station wagons, the average age was slightly lower at 8.4 years.

Five manufacturers continue to dominate the population of motor cars and station wagons, accounting for nearly 5.6 million vehicles (over 78 per cent of cars and station wagons) on register. The following table shows registration details for each of the top 5 makes.

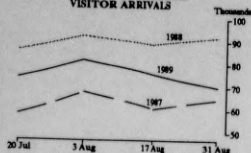
REGISTERED CARS AND STATION WAGONS
September 1988

Make	Number ('000)	Market share (%)
Holden	1,748	24
Ford	1,680	24
Toyota	941	13
Nissan	726	10
Mitsubishi	502	7
Other	1,562	22
Total	7,159	100

The 1988 edition of *Motor Vehicle Census, Australia* is now available. It contains 25 tables of information together with extensive notes and graphs. As well as covering cars and station wagons, the publication provides information about utilities and panel vans, rigid and articulated trucks, buses, and motor cycles.

The publication includes details of make, weight/mass and age of vehicle, State or Territory of registration, and type of fuel used. Additional (unpublished) information is also available on request.

For further information, order the publication *Motor Vehicle Census, Australia* (9309.0) or contact Kevin Yeadon on (062) 52 6142

FORTNIGHTLY OVERSEAS
VISITOR ARRIVALS

Fall in number of overseas visitors

An early effect of the domestic pilots' dispute appears to have surfaced in August's statistics for overseas arrivals in Australia.

There were 161,400 arrivals from overseas for short-term visits during the month. In seasonally adjusted terms the August figure was 5 per cent below that for July 1989. The domestic pilots' industrial action may have begun to make its impact on arrivals in the last 2 weeks of August.

As the table below shows, the number of short-term arrivals in the period 18-31 August was 9 per cent below the average for the three preceding fortnights (not seasonally adjusted). In 1987 and 1988 the corresponding comparison showed increases of 4 per cent and 3 per cent respectively.

SHORT TERM OVERSEAS VISITOR ARRIVALS

Fortnight ended	1989	1988	1987
20 July	74,200	86,300	58,300
3 August	82,000	92,700	67,900
17 August	75,700	88,800	60,500
31 August	70,000	91,900	64,700

For further information, order the publication *Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Australia* (3401.0) or contact Mark Patton on (062) 52 6671

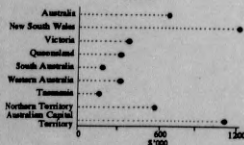
Licensed clubs industry declines in real terms

Turnover of the Licensed Clubs industry in Australia declined in real terms by almost 7 per cent in the seven years to 1986-87.

Employment levels remained unchanged over the same period at about 52,000. Following a significant trend away from full time employment in the industry, about 60 per cent of licensed club employees were working on a part-time basis.

These are some of the main findings of a detailed study of the industry published this week — the latest in a series of studies from the Bureau's 1986-87 Service Industries Survey.

New South Wales remains the heart of the clubs industry accounting for 40 per cent of all Australian licensed clubs, but over 65 per cent of the industry's employment and over 70 per cent of its turnover. Net poker machine takings are the biggest revenue raisers in NSW and ACT clubs, followed by beer, wine and spirit sales. In other States, beer, wine and spirit sales contribute most to takings, and membership subscriptions are much more important than they are for NSW and ACT clubs.

TURNOVER PER LICENSED CLUB
1986-87

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LICENSED CLUBS INDUSTRY, 1986-87

	Number		Percentage change since 1979-80	
	Clubs	Persons employed	Clubs	Persons employed
Licensed bowling clubs	1,284	7,520	11.4	-4.8
Licensed golf clubs	731	7,136	5.6	10.0
Other licensed clubs	1,912	37,680	9.2	-2.3
Total	3,927	52,336	9.2	-1.2

For further information, order the publication *Licensed Clubs Industry (8657.0)*, or contact Peter White on (062) 52 5633

All the week's releases: 11 to 17 October

General

Statistics Weekly, 12 October 1989 (1318.0; \$3.50) — *new issue*

Demography

Overseas Arrivals and Departures, Aust., August 1989 (3401.0; \$4.00)

National accounts, finance and foreign trade

Imports, Aust., Monthly Summary Tables, August 1989 (5433.0; \$7.50)
State Authorities Finance, SA, 1987-88 (5501.4; \$11.50)

Labour statistics and prices

The Labour Force, Aust., September 1989, Preliminary (6202.0; \$8.00)
The Labour Force, Aust. — Preliminary Data of Floppy Disk, September 1989 (6271.0; \$60.00)
Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Aust., August 1989 (6312.0; \$8.00)

Agriculture

Cereal Grains: Estimates of Area Sown, Aust., 1989-90 (7312.0; \$4.50)

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Retail Trade, Aust., August 1989 (8501.0; \$8.00)
Tourist Accommodation, Major Hotels and Motels, Qld, July and August 1989 (8646.3; \$5.00) — *new issue*
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Dwelling Unit Commencements Reported by Approving Authorities, SA, July 1989, Preliminary (8740.4; \$3.00)
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Building Activity, Tas., June 1989 (8752.6; \$7.50)
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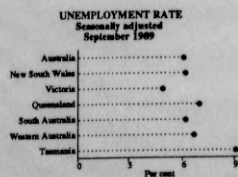
- 18** Import Price Index, Aust., June Qtr 1989 (6414.0; \$4.50)
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Eight Capital Cities, August 1989 (6407.0; \$8.00)
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and Canberra, August 1989 (6408.0; \$3.25)
- 25** Balance of Payments, Aust., September 1989 (5301.0; \$10.00)
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Production Statistics, Aust., September 1989 (8301.0; \$4.50)
Registrations of New Motor Vehicles, Aust., September 1989, Preliminary
(9301.0; \$3.25)
- 30** Price Indexes of Articles Produced By Manufacturing Industry, Aust.,
August 1989 (6412.0; \$5.00)
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The latest ...

Changes to key State indicators — consolidated to

17 October 1989



	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
— Percentage change from same period previous year —									
New capital expenditure (Mar. qtr 89)*	29.9	27.9	-15.3	-7.0	6.2	81.7	n.a.	n.a.	18.0
Retail turnover (August 89) (trend estimate)	14.6	5.2	9.4	7.1	13.0	10.1	n.a.	6.0	10.4
New motor vehicle registrations (August 89)	32.5	1.8	11.4	24.0	20.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	18.1
Number of dwelling unit approvals (August 89)	-27.0	-16.5	-27.7	-2.3	-40.2	-14.1	-41.1	-29.5	-25.6
Value of total building work done (June 89)	38.6	42.1	34.4	22.9	54.9	17.4	-8.5	-3.0	36.8
Employed persons (September 89)*	3.6	5.3	6.1	5.3	3.6	3.6	n.a.	n.a.	4.7
Capital city consumer price index (June qtr 89)	8.0	7.4	7.4	7.8	7.5	6.7	4.8	6.7	7.6
Average weekly earnings (full-time adult ordinary time) (May 89)	9.0	6.6	7.7	6.9	8.0	8.2	5.6	6.6	7.8
Population (Mar. 89)	1.2	1.3	3.0	1.1	3.0	0.4	0.0	1.8	1.6
Room occupancy rates in licensed hotels and motels, etc (Mar. qtr 89)	1.5	-0.7	-3.2	1.0	2.9	4.1	-2.7	-7.6	-1.1

* Seasonally adjusted

Key national indicators – consolidated to 17 October 1989

			Period	Latest figure available		Percentage change (a) on	
				Original	Seasonally adjusted	Previous period	Corresponding period last year
National production							
Gross domestic product	— current prices	\$m	June qtr 89	85,333	87,970	2.5	13.1
	— 1984-85 prices			60,986	62,991	0.6	3.9
Industrial activity							
New capital expenditure	— current prices	\$m	June qtr 89	7,688	7,307	2.0	13.9
	— 1984-85 prices			6,130	5,809	0.8	16.1
Expected new capital expenditure		"	Six months to Dec. 89	14,975	n.a.	n.a.	13.7
Retail turnover	— current prices	"	August 89	6,559	6,724	-1.5	10.8
	— 1984-85 prices	"	June qtr 89	14,145	14,642	0.0	3.0
New motor vehicle registrations		No.	August 89	54,652	49,896	-1.8	18.1
Dwelling unit approvals		"	"	13,338	11,790	-2.8	-27.3
Value of all building approvals		\$m	"	2,281	1,943	-6.8	-1.8
Value of total building work done	— current prices	"	June qtr 89	7,622	7,711	7.6	36.9
	— 1984-85 prices	"	"	5,138	5,198	4.7	21.1
Manufacturers' sales		"	June qtr 89	34,261	34,196	3.4	14.6
Expected manufacturers' sales		"	Six months to Dec. 89	70,922	n.a.	n.a.	12.0
Labour							
Employed persons		'000	Sept. 89	7,854.4	7,813.8	0.2	4.7
Unemployment rate †		%	"	6.0	6.1	0.2	-0.9
Participation rate †		"	"	63.8	63.5	0.1	1.0
Job vacancies		'000	August 89	64.3	n.a.	-12.1	-2.3
Average weekly overtime per employee		hours	"	1.5	n.a.	1.6	10.7
Prices, profits and wages							
Consumer price index	1980-81 = 100.0		June qtr 89	192.6	n.a.	2.4	7.6
Price index of materials used in manufacturing industry	1984-85 = 100.0		July 89	120.1	n.a.	0.2	7.3
Price index of articles produced by manufacturing industry	1968-69 = 100.0		"	548.5	n.a.	0.6	7.6
Company profits before income tax		\$m	June qtr 89	4,610	5,054	9.3	24.6
Average weekly earnings (Full-time adults; ordinary time)		\$	May 89	501.10	n.a.	1.8	7.8
Interest rates (b) (monthly average)							
90-day bank bills †	% per annum		August 89	17.95	n.a.	-0.1	4.4
10-year Treasury bonds †			"	12.95	n.a.	-0.4	1.1
Balance of payments							
Exports of merchandise		\$m	August 89	3,906	3,874	-1.8	14.0
Imports of merchandise		"	"	5,232	4,768	13.1	32.4
Balance on merchandise trade (c)		"	"	-1,326	-894	-229.9	-336.1
Balance of goods and services (c)		"	"	-1,748	-1,236	-121.1	-296.2
Balance on current account (c)		"	"	-2,580	-2,257	-39.7	-78.8
Terms of trade (d)	1984-85 = 100.0		June qtr 89	n.a.	112.8	-0.3	11.5
Foreign investment							
Net foreign debt		\$m	June qtr 89	108,159	n.a.	3.7	19.8
Net foreign liabilities		"	"	140,906	n.a.	4.5	16.3
Exchange rates (monthly average)							
\$US	per \$A		August 89	0.7621	n.a.	0.7	-5.5
Trade weighted index	May 1970 = 100.0		"	59.2	n.a.	1.0	-3.7
Other indicators							
Population (estimated resident)	million		Mar. 89	16.7	n.a.	0.4	1.6
Overseas visitors	'000		August 89	161	181	-4.7	-17.6

(a) Based on seasonally adjusted figures where available. (b) Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. (c) For percentage changes, a minus sign indicates an increase in the deficit; no sign means a decrease in the deficit or an increase in the surplus. (d) The ratio of the price of goods and services for exports to that for imports.

NOTES: † = change is shown in terms of percentage points. n.a. = not available.

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